

Director of Training

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Chief, Intelligence Training Division

Weekly Report, 15-18 September

1. The fifth course of the Intelligence School opened on 16 September with twenty-one trainees enrolled. Six of the trainees are J.O.T's and fifteen are from other CIA Offices. *d 26*

2. The staff of the school recently met with several members of the Psychological Staff to discuss the final examination given to the last group of trainees. We had submitted a copy of the examination and the examination results to the Psychological Staff for analysis and criticism. Our meeting opened with a discussion of the objectives we had in mind in administering the final examination. These objectives, we submitted, were principally three: (a) to test the extent to which the subject matter of the course had been absorbed; (b) to measure the effectiveness of our teaching, and (c) to provide an additional guide for the assessment of individual trainees for placement purposes. The Psychological Staff seemed to believe that an examination along the general lines of the kind we gave was satisfactory in meeting these objectives. The psychologists gave us some suggestions about test construction and ways in which they thought our examining methods could be improved. They said that the results of one examination represented too small a sample for them to come to any firm conclusions about the validity and reliability of parts of the examination. The school staff plans to keep our examining practices under regular review and to use the professional advice of the Psychological Staff as much as possible.

3. The Reading Improvement Laboratory currently has 78 students in attendance each day. Four new classes started on 15 September. The persons in attendance were distributed as follows:

0830-0930	Professional Trainees	21 students
1000-1100	Covert Training	17 students
1100-1200	Agency Class	18 students
1300-1400	Agency Class	16 students
1400-1500	Make-up Class	8 students
	TOTAL	78 students

4. [redacted] reported for duty as an instructor in the Reading Lab on 17 September.

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